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**TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING FORCE
FEEDBACK USING MULTIPLE GROUNDED ACTUATORS**

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

A statement of reasons for allowance was set forth in the Notice of Allowance mailed on July 12, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application.

While the Applicants agree that the pending claims are allowable for at least the reasons set forth in the Examiner's statement, the Applicants submit that the invention as recited by the claims and as described in the present application is patentable over the art of record for reasons in addition to those listed in the Examiner's statement. For example, Applicants note that the Examiner's statement paraphrases various elements of independent claim 1. Applicants note that the language of the claims as allowed defines the invention and the language in the Examiner's statement should not be construed as limiting the claims in any manner. Moreover, the claims contain recitations in addition to those stated by the Examiner that provide additional bases for patentability over the art of record. Accordingly, the Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims of different scope

than those in the present application. For example, such claims may not necessarily need to include the elements identified in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the present application.

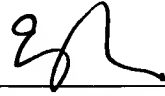
This statement commenting on the reasons for allowance is timely submitted.

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